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E.O. 11652: GDS

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SUBJECT: SALE OF ITALIAN M-113'S TO GREECE

REF: A) ROME 11941 B) STATE 137226 C) ROME 7859

1. YOU MAY TELL THE ITALIAN MOD THAT THE USG IS PREPARED TO APPROVE THE PROVISION OF AN ADDITIONAL 30 M-113 APC'S TO GREECE BY ITALY, PROVIDED THAT THE GOG GIVES THE USG COMMITMENT IN WRITING NOT TO TRANSFER TITLE TO OR OWNERSHIP OF THESE ITEMS WITHOUT PRIOR APPROVAL OF THE USG. IN THIS CONNECTION, WE NOTE THAT REFTEL A MENTIONS THAT INITIAL ITALIAN REQUEST REPORTED REFTEL C HAS ALREADY BEEN
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APPROVED. AS STATED IN REFTEL B, SUCH APPROVAL IS CON-

TINGENT UPON OUR RECEIPT OF THIRD-PARTY TRANSFER ASSURANCES
REQUIRED BY US LAW.

2. FOR ATHENS: EMBASSY IS REQUESTED TO OBTAIN FROM GOG
THIRD-PARTY TRANSFER ASSURANCES IN WRITING AS FOLLOWS:
"THE MINISTRY OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS OF GREECE PRESENTS ITS
COMPLIMENTS TO THE EMBASSY OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA
AND HAS THE HONOR TO CALL TO THE ATTENTION OF THE EMBASSY
THE PROPOSED PURCHASE BY THE GOVERNMENT OF GREECE OF M-113
ARMORED PERSONNEL CARRIERS FROM THE GOVERNMENT OF ITALY.

AS THE EQUIPMENT IN QUESTION HAS BEEN MANUFACTURED IN ITALY
BY THE USE OF TECHNOLOGY EXPORTED UNDER LICENSE FROM THE
UNITED STATES, THE GOVERNMENT OF GREECE UNDERSTANDS THAT
THE CONSUMMATION OF THIS TRANSACTION IS DEPENDENT UPON THE
RECEIPT BY THE GOVERNMENT OF ITALY OF WRITTEN CONSENT TO
THE SALE FROM THE GOVERNMENT OF THE UNITED STATES, AND
FURTHER UNDERSTANDS THAT IN KEEPING WITH UNITED STATES
LAW AND REGULATIONS THE GOVERNMENT OF THE UNITED STATES MAY
GIVE SUCH CONSENT ONLY UPON BEING FURNISHED WITH ASSURANCES
FROM THE GOVERNMENT OF GREECE THAT IT WILL NOT TRANSFER BY
ANY MEANS SUCH DEFENSE ARTICLES TO ANY OTHER COUNTRY,
INTERNATIONAL ORGANIZATION, OR PERSON WITHOUT FIRST
OBTAINING THE WRITTEN CONSENT OF THE GOVERNMENT OF THE
UNITED STATES.

IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE FOREGOING, THE GOVERNMENT OF
GREECE HEREBY GIVES ITS ASSURANCES THAT IT WILL NOT TRANS-
FER THE M-113 ARMORED PERSONNEL CARRIERS AND/OR THEIR
COMPONENTS IT PROPOSES TO PURCHASE FROM THE GOVERNMENT OF
ITALY BY SALE, LEASE, RELEASE, ASSIGNMENT, LOAN, CON-
VEYANCE, OR ANY OTHER MEANS TO ANOTHER GOVERNMENT,
INTERNATIONAL ORGANIZATION, OR PERSON WITHOUT FIRST
OBTAINING THE WRITTEN APPROVAL OF THE UNITED STATES GOVERN-
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TELEGRAPHICALLY TO THE DEPARTMENT. KISSINGER

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